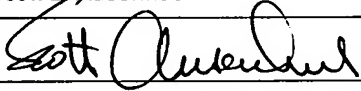
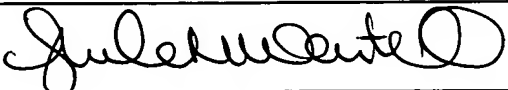


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Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of the following co-pending patent applications:

1. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/432,503, filed 11-02-1999, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-0002611US;

2. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/721,477, filed 11-22-2000, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-002914US;
3. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/721,506, filed 11-22-2000, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-002916US; and
4. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/974,584, filed 11-19-1997, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-002950US.

To comply with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(iii), the specifications, drawings and currently pending claims for U.S. Application No. 09/432,503 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002611US) and U.S. Application No. 09/974,584 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002950) are enclosed. The currently pending claims from U.S. Application Nos. 09/721,477 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002614US) and 09/721,506 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002616US) are also enclosed; copies of the specification and drawings for these latter two applications are not enclosed because these applications are the same as US Application No. 09/432,503.

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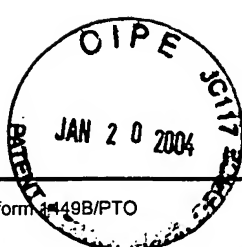
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